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Inter-parish cooperation is a win-win for both youth discipleship programs

by Theresa Hofer

In January 2022, Bp. Earl Boyea announced that he was accepting the recommendations of the Realign Resources for Mission Committee for some structural changes in the diocese to enhance our ability to serve the mission to evangelize. This includes parishes cooperating together in parish groupings. (See page 5 for more information.) Christ the King is part of the first phase of implementing this plan; we've been grouped with St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph Parishes in Ypsilanti. CTK is no stranger to inter-parish cooperation. Here is one recent example.—TH

Caroline Wright, Director of Youth Discipleship at St. John the Baptist in Ypsilanti, was facing a challenge. She started at St. John's in June 2020 in the midst of the pandemic. "Our vision for catechesis at St. John's was to shift to a family model, where catechesis primarily takes place in the home and is complemented by youth catechesis and programming at the parish. The pandemic fit this shift. In my first year, I taught Confirmation in-person twice a month."

Recognizing, though, that an intellectual understanding of the Holy Spirit wasn't enough, Caroline also tried to create a "Worship/Encounter" opportunity for her students every couple of months. She and her pastor, Fr. Dan Westermann, talked about the future possibility of requiring the Confirmation students to attend a summer camp, such as Pine Hills or Damascus. "I went to Pine Hills myself, so I know what an impact it can make," she said.

Then she started thinking, "Instead of only *sending* kids to

"We exist to joyfully worship God and raise up Spirit-filled disciples." - Mission Statement of Christ the King

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Potpourri from the Pastor

Comments on a variety of different things

by Fr. Ed Fride

There is an interesting category on Jeopardy simply entitled “Potpourri,” which, understandably, contains a hodgepodge of seemingly unrelated things. This article may feel a little bit like that because multiple circumstances have intervened that require some comment.

In the past few days (end of February), we have witnessed what we had hoped to never see again: major powers engaged in war. The invasion of Ukraine has caused great consternation. The fact that we currently have military personnel from Christ the King deployed to that area adds a very personal and problematic dimension to this. Engaging in prayer is a gift that we can all bring to this situation: prayer for Jesus’ will to be accomplished, for the safety of the people involved, etc.

It was very bizarre for me personally watching the comments before the invasion. It was like a chilling replay of Hitler’s famous line that “the German Reich has no intentions on the Sudetenland” just before the Nazis invaded it. Those of us who are older also remember all the saber-rattling that took place and the eventual buildup that resulted in Vietnam. During this time when overall faith in the veracity of the media is at an all-time low, knowing exactly



what is going on is a progressively more and more challenging task.

The good news is that the Lord Jesus does not require us to pray with specificity and exactitude in order for our prayers to be heard by the King. The Omniscient One has all the data. I think that sometimes my most effective prayer is to get on my knees before the Blessed Sacrament and just pray, “Help, Lord Jesus, help!” In these situations like Ukraine, which are so outside of any of our capacities to influence, making sure we spend adequate time on our knees is crucial.

On a much brighter note, it is a blessing to see how many things are returning to normal regarding the pandemic, e.g. the restoration of the Sign of Peace, etc. I would ask that we all have a certain sensitivity to the different perspectives of

those around us and that we charitably honor the requests of those who may be in a different place with some of those issues. We have a lot of medically challenged folks who may wish to continue to mask and may be reluctant about handshaking, etc. It would be an act of charity and hospitality if we could accommodate our responses in those situations to their needs, without judgment or criticism.

St. Thomas More reminds us that we have no window to look into another person’s conscience and so have no right to judge what may be going on in their minds and hearts. St. Ignatius of Loyola also reminds us that the Christian perspective should be that, when faced with an ambiguity, we should always interpret it in a way that is maximally charitable toward the individual. That’s great advice for this troubling time and a direct challenge to the natural tendency of our fallen nature to always assume the worst.

That reminds me of an interesting dialogue between the Dowager Countess and Mrs. Crowley (Downton Abbey). Mrs. Crowley comments, “I’ll take that as a compliment.” The Dowager Countess responds (once Mrs. Crowley is out of earshot), “Then I must have said it wrong.” As followers of the Lord Jesus, charity must continue to be the guiding perspec-

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Pine Hills, why don't we have a Confirmation program that's also *like* Pine Hills?" But how to make that vision a reality?

Another goal for Caroline was to create a high school youth group. Unfortunately, so few St. John's kids were involved in the high school program that she didn't know how to get started.

Caroline had initially connected with CTK's Director of Youth Discipleship John Hoving when St. John's joined with Christ the King on its 2021 Confirmation Retreat. So she arranged to meet with him to discuss collaborating on the retreat and also her hopes for St. John's youth programming. When she described them, he said, "It sounds like our Fuel program."

CTK's Confirmation program has classroom teaching for the 7th and 8th graders two Sundays a month with times of praise and worship at Fuel middle school prayer meetings on the other Sundays. The prayer meetings are led by the Fuel team, a group of high school students committed to sharing their faith with the middle schoolers.

"I've noticed that what really bonds the teens together is serving together," said John. "So I suggested that she get some high schoolers to work with her Confirmation program." Caroline recalled, "When John described Fuel to me, I *loved* it but said that I



didn't have the high school teens to pull it off."

John, on the other hand, had the opposite problem. "I had an overabundance of high schoolers interested in serving on the Fuel team, more than I could use. So I asked if she would like me to see if any of our teens were interested in helping out." Caroline eagerly agreed.

Caroline started attending Fuel, getting to know both the program and the teens and sharing with them her hope to start something similar at St. John's. Later, when teens applied for CTK's Fuel team, they were asked, Do you want to serve on Wildfire (St. John's program), are you open to serving on Wildfire, or do you want to serve on Fuel?

When Sofia Piper first heard about the St. John's team, she thought it was a great idea but wasn't interested in joining it. "I felt a responsibility to the Fuel team, especially the music team, which I had been leading for about a year." After praying about it, though, she decided,

"Even if I didn't feel 100 percent at peace with leaving, the Lord would reveal my calling on the St. John's team in time."

That confirmation came shortly after when she learned the name of St. John's program. "Wildfire was the name of the high school youth group and music team in my hometown of Vermillion, South Dakota, the one I'd always longed to be a part of, even though I was too young at the time to join. The Lord had heard the desire of my heart, held it for almost ten years, and answered it when I needed it most."

Molly Campbell, who had also served on last year's Fuel team, initially didn't want to leave, either. As she prayed about it, though, she said, "I felt called to leave my little comfort zone and step into unknown territory, a place where I knew I would be weak and I would need to rely solely on the Lord. The more I thought and prayed about it, the more pumped I got."

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The Wildfire team: (front) Anthony Pucillo and Gavin Gentit (St. John's); (kneeling) Sofia Piper, St. John's Director of Youth Discipleship Caroline Wright, and Molly Campbell; (standing) Sam Ekblad, Matthew Bogan, Thomas Hoving, Shannon Campbell, Gianna Hoving, Rebekah Kojiro, Olivia Gentit (St. John's), and Dominic Kopinski.

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For another team member, a big reason for serving on Wildfire was, "I have always wanted to devote at least some of my time directly to building the Kingdom. While I can do it in small ways for my friends and family, it is really a blessing to be able to do so in a more direct way at Wildfire."

The 2021-22 year started with a joint training session for the Fuel and Wildfire teams. The training included times with both groups together as well as times for the groups to meet separately for planning and team-building exercises. The Wildfire team consists of 10 CTK teens and two from St. John's.

Caroline took the Fuel model and adapted it to Wildfire. "I meet with the Wildfire team two Sundays a month; then, on the alternate Sundays, we have Wildfire meetings. I extended it to include 9th graders who were confirmed last year; we have about five who attend."

When asked how it's been going so far, Caroline enthusiastically replied, "It's been going *great!* The team is awesome. My middle schoolers are warming up to it, and the only feedback I've been getting from parents is that the kids are loving it."

In late January, the Fuel and Wildfire teams put on a retreat day for the middle schoolers from both parishes. Wildfire team member Anthony Pucillo said, "The retreat was an amazing experience for everyone

attending. The Lord truly made Himself present during the retreat and set everyone's hearts on fire for Him." Fellow team member Thomas Hoving agreed. "The Lord delights in the joy of His creation, and it was made obvious on the retreat."

Wildfire team member Shannon Campbell noted, "I could tell that the Wildfire kids felt welcomed and included, and seeing that made my heart so happy." One

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particular incident during Adoration stood out: "About four kids went up to kneel closer to the Monstrance. After those four kids went up, about 15 or 20 more middle schoolers flooded into the front, Wildfire kids and all. Watching, all I could think was, 'These are His sheep, flocking to their Shepherd.'"

Looking ahead, the two programs plan to do their team training together again this summer. Caroline said, "As time goes on, my hope is that we raise up enough St. John's kids to staff the Wildfire team, but it will take time." She continued, "For a culture to be built takes people who carry the culture,

and that's what the CTK teens are doing. I'm so edified by them. These kids are trying so hard to love the Lord and share that love with the St. John's middle schoolers."

Serving the kids at St. John's has been a blessing for the teens as well. Anthony said, "The Lord has blessed not only myself, but the entire Wildfire team through responding to His call and serving His children in this way." Shannon agreed. "We have learned to lean on the Lord and trust that His goodness will shine through." Thomas added, "When you let the Holy Spirit move, you end up getting a whole lot more than you bargained for."

John is happy to be able to give even more CTK teens the opportunity to serve in this way. "There exists out there a real *hunger* for community and a shared sense of purpose. Serving in leadership together really helps that."

For her part, Caroline sums the whole experience up in one word: "*Gratitude*. I think the youth program at Christ the King is awesome, and I'm really grateful that John has a heart for sharing the wealth. That generosity has created something beautiful, both for the CTK kids and the St. John's kids. It's something the Lord opened the door for, and we went for it, and it's made everything better."

RRM: Where we've been, where we're at, what's next

An interview with Pete Burak of the Realign Resources for Mission Committee

What was the task of the Realign Resources for Mission (RRM) Committee?

Our marching orders from the bishop were to look at the state of the diocese through one primary focus: How do we use the resources of the Diocese of Lansing to go on mission? That was the whole lens through which this effort was viewed.

What process did the committee go through to come up with its recommendations?

The bishop repeatedly said, "Consult." So we started with a pretty unprecedented level of research of objective data and people's lived experiences. We consulted with other dioceses, the Catholic Leadership Institute, Fr. Mallon of Divine Renovation, Fr. John Riccardo's organization Acts XXIX, and others. After gathering all the data, we took time as a team to boil it down and identify core principles.

We then took it to the People of God to ask their input. We intended to have in-person town hall meetings, but the pandemic forced us to do Zoom meetings instead.

Also, every priest completed an assessment tool to help identify his gifting, the setting in which he felt most comfortable operating (such as, rural or urban), etc. Every priest was also interviewed by one of the priests about how they saw their strengths and gifting.

We came up with a draft proposal and ran it by meetings of the priests, deacons, and lay staff early last summer. We then revised the proposal based on their input and ran it by the People of God again in regional meetings last August. Finally, we wrote the document with our recommendations and submitted it to the bishop last fall.

What were the committee's key findings?

There were two really significant ones.

First, at the core of revival is healthy, holy leadership, which, of course, begins with the bishop and priests. We need to prioritize the formation of priests. Without healthy, holy priests, this will suffer.

How do you define that? It's still being worked on. Part of it involves the priests seeing themselves as part of a team. They also need additional formation and training; the implementation team is working on that.

Second, you need empowered laity, both employed and volunteer. If things can be unified and made more cost-effective, that's great, but the reason to do that is so we can bring in other people whose gifting will help us accomplish mission.

Why did the committee recommend the *in solidum* model?

We were trying to have a highly flexible and personalized



CTK parishioner Pete Burak served for more than two years on Bishop Boyea's Realign Resources for Mission Committee. Their proposal, which was submitted to the bishop last November, has been approved. He now serves on the steering committee that is helping with the implementation of the proposal.

approach to parishes being in union with each other. In this model, pastors maintain their authority over their individual parishes, even as they work together in a group for the good of all. The moderator of the group sets the vision in line with the bishop and helps him see it played out.

What are this model's advantages, and what are its challenges?

The strength of this model is also its weakness, namely, it provides lots of freedom. So how it works out depends on how it is implemented at each parish. There's greater flexibility, but that also requires more collaboration. This model also allows people to maintain their connection to their local parish.

How do parishes in a grouping cooperate with each other while maintaining their individual identities?

That's part of the working together of the pastors. There's no compelling reason to think that any of our parish identities

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should change. Anointing often grows when it's shared. In the divine economy, we don't lose anything. It only strengthens who we are. Fr. Ed and his team will have to invite folks to trust the Holy Spirit. *[The bishop has named Fr. Ed the moderator of the Eastern Washtenaw parish grouping. —Editor]*

How do you respond to the concern that this is really just a preliminary step to parish mergers and closings?

Fundamentally, the job of the RRM committee was to weigh all options. We didn't think that merging and closing parishes was the best option.

The canonical requirement for closing or merging is that you have to demonstrate to Rome that this is what's best for the People of God to live and thrive. The temporal needs – money, personnel, etc. – can't be the reason.

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Why did the committee recommend that Christ the King be grouped with St. John the Baptist and St. Joseph in Ypsilanti?

Ultimately, it came down to a combination of factors:

- Common geography: Eastern Washtenaw County.
- Common heritage: There are a lot of people in all three parishes who have been part in the past of one or both of the others.
- Lots of harmony in mission and vision. Look for instance at the Christ the King and St. John the Baptist mission statements.

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- Each parish has strengths that can help the others. For example, Christ the King has experience with Alpha, while St. John the Baptist is just launching Alpha. St. John's has lots of experience in working with the poor.
- None of the parishes has its own school, but all three are represented at Huron Valley Catholic School and have lots of homeschoolers.

Did the bishop make any adjustments to the committee's recommendations or did he accept them without change?

I don't know of any adjustments of substance, mostly timing. He expressed his opinions all through the process, but he always made it clear that we were free to develop the recommendation that we thought was best.

What are the next steps in the process?

An Implementation Office has been established headed by former Chief of Staff Deb Amato. Deb's office is to provide the resources and support to the first groupings to help them succeed. Under that office is a Steering Committee to help Deb assess whether we're staying on vision for the proposal.

If there was one thing that you could get across to those reading this interview, what would it be?

At the risk of sounding cliché, hope and pray. We really need to bathe this entire process in prayer and fasting and a heart cry from the People of God for revival. Preserve hope that the Gospel is real and it matters that people know the Lord. What sacrifice is too great for people to come to know the Lord?

At a glance

The Eastern Washtenaw parishes

St. John the Baptist, Ypsilanti

**Founding date:** 1844**Current church dedicated:** 1933**Church seating capacity:** 400**Registered households:** ~1,100**Pastor:** Fr. Dan Westermann**Special outreach(es):**
Eastern Michigan University
Food pantry for the poor**Parish website:**
ypsilanticatholic.org

At the recommendation of the Realign Resources for Mission Committee, Bishop Earl Boyea has grouped St. John the Baptist, Ypsilanti, St. Joseph, Ypsilanti, and Christ the King, Ann Arbor into the Eastern Washtenaw parish grouping with Fr. Ed Fride as moderator. To learn more about this process and what it means for the parishes, please go to dioceseoflansing.org and click on "Realign Resources for Mission" in the top menu bar.

St. Joseph, Ypsilanti

Founding date: 1890**Current church dedicated:** 1967**Church seating capacity:** 360**Registered households:** 309**Pastor:** Fr. Pieter vanRooyen**Special outreach(es):**
St. Joseph Classical homeschool support program
Trail Life troop for boys**Parish website:**
stjosephypsilanti.com

Christ the King, Ann Arbor

**Founding date:** 1981**Current church dedicated:** 2001**Church seating capacity:** 1,000**Registered households:** 854**Pastor:** Fr. Ed Fride**Special outreach(es):**
Catholic Charismatic Renewal
Sister parishes in Flint, Bethlehem, and Uganda**Parish website:**
ctkcc.net

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tive, especially since, as the Scriptures remind us in the great parable of the Last Judgement, how we have loved is a crucial determining factor in terms of our final destination.

Another bright note is the wonderful experience we are already having with our two grouping parishes: St. John the Baptist and St. Joe's Whitaker in Ypsilanti. The pastors try to meet every Wednesday to talk about practical aspects of our relationship. Since the Bishop has made it clear that support by priests for priests is one of the most critical dimension of this whole RRM approach, we also try to meet on Saturdays for a business-free time of just supporting each other. I am delighted to see all the initiatives our own staff is taking, reaching out to the staffs at the other parishes to include folks and plan for activities that support us all.

We had a wonderful meeting with the Bishop and much of the parish support staffs on the 24th of February. It was very upbeat and supportive and frankly, very inspirational. That was not surprising as Fr. Jim Rolph was emcee, and one of the really highlight talks was given by Pete Burak. I never thought I would live to see the day in which the Lord Jesus and the power of the Holy Spirit were so front and center at a



Diocesan event. It was truly a blessing!

We are part of the first group of eight *in solidum* groups that, as we were described at the event, are the "guinea pigs" for this whole enterprise. What was also made clear, which was something of a change, was that the pastors of the *in solidum* group are really to be seen as co-pastors for the entire grouping. While each of us maintains particular care for our specific parish, we are also really empowered to come together for "joint care" of the whole grouping. How all that will work out practically is still being developed, but I have to say that Fr. Dan Westermann and Fr. Pieter vanRooyen are two of the finest priests I know and working with them is really a delight.

The nature of this grouping also provides an interesting new possibility for us in that it is not just the pastors who are responsible for the grouping. In a very real sense, the staffs and the

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people of the different parishes are moved into a certain relationship of caring for the whole grouping as well. This is a particular asset for us at Christ the King, since one of the difficulties we have had in the past is not having our own territory for evangelization, etc. When it came to evangelization opportunities, we were kind of like the atheist at the funeral: "all dressed up and nowhere to go." Now we share in the responsibilities for the evangelization of two major schools and the whole city of Ypsilanti! Plenty of target for evangelization there! How that works out into terms of joint Alphas, door-to-door evangelization, etc., is yet to be seen. It would be great if all of us could now spend a little extra time on our knees pleading with the Lord Jesus to help us grow in our ability and desire to evangelize.

What is not clear is how this all affects our relationship with

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The 2021-2023 Synod on Synodality

Pope Francis calls the entire Church to participate in the preparation for the next synod. What does that mean for us? How do we get involved?

by Theresa Hofer

The weekend of Oct. 9-10, 2021, Pope Francis formally launched the two-year consultative process that will culminate in the “Synod on Synodality,” scheduled to take place in the Vatican in October 2023. The following weekend, Bishop Earl Boyea initiated the diocesan phase of the process for the Diocese of Lansing.

But, you may be asking, “What is a synod on synodality? I thought a synod involved the bishops. How does it involve me?”

In his homily on Oct. 17, Bishop Boyea explained,

Synod is a Greek word which means, “on the way with,” or “on the journey together.” And to be on a journey together implies three things: we are going somewhere, so there is a mission or goal; we are a “we,” that is, this journey involves all of us as a communion; and finally, we are together, that is, we are all engaged with one another, it is a time of participation. Communion, Participation, and Mission are the three themes the Holy Father has centered on.

In his homily at St. Peter’s Basilica on Oct. 10, Pope Francis called on Catholics to participate in the synod by becoming “experts in the *art of encounter*.” This happens, he continued,

Not so much by organizing events or theorizing about problems, as in taking time to encounter the Lord and one another. Time to devote to prayer and to adoration—that form of prayer that we so often neglect—devoting time to adoration, and to hearing what the Spirit wants to say to the Church. Time to look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say, to build rapport, to be sensitive to the questions of our sisters and brothers, to let ourselves be enriched by the variety of charisms, vocations and ministries.

The synodal process has four phases:

1. **The Diocesan Phase** taking place now through the end of June 2022.
2. **The Episcopal Conference/ Synods of Oriental Churches Phase**, in which the US Conference of Catholic Bishops and other Episcopal Conferences will synthesize the input of their member dioceses. The input from the conferences and Oriental Churches will culminate in the Vatican’s first working document (*Instrumentum Laboris* 1), anticipated for release at the end of 2022.
3. **The Continental Phase**, in which bishops will gather in synods by continent. These gatherings will each produce a final document, which will provide input to the Vatican’s

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second *Instrumentum Laboris*. This phase is planned for the first half of 2023.

4. **The Universal Phase**, in which the bishops of the world will gather in Vatican City in October 2023.

In the Diocese of Lansing, the synod team is rooting the process in the mission that we have already been pursuing for several years, as described in Bishop Boyea's 2012 Pastoral Letter, *Go and Announce the Gospel of the Lord*. In that letter, he identified three groups of people on whom we must focus our pastoral efforts: the Household of Faith (practicing Catholics), the Lost Sheep

(those who are no longer practicing Catholics), and the Court of the Gentiles (those who have never been Catholics or even Christians). The hope is that the conversations that the Holy Father is calling us to have, particularly with the latter two groups, will not only contribute to the synodal process in the Universal Church, but also help us in the Diocese of Lansing to better engage in the mission of Jesus Christ.

To help the people of the Diocese of Lansing participate in the diocesan phase of the synodal process, the diocese has provided two resources in particular:

- **A Synod Conversation Guide**, which provides the background to the synodal process and suggested questions for dialoging with people who may be outside the Church.
- **An Individual Conversation Feedback Form**, which provides a means to easily submit the feedback from that conversation to the diocese.

To learn more and obtain these and other resources, go to dioceseoflansing.org/synod.

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our sister parish in Flint. We will continue to do outreach there as well. One of the things on my agenda is to dialogue with our grouping parishes here in terms of how they might want to enter into that relationship as well. The needs in Flint are still very dire and we have felt called as a parish to help meet those needs. How we can do this together, and how the diocese can honor what we are doing for the Catholic Community in Flint, especially from a

financial situation, are some issues to be worked out.

Speaking of which, it is always crucial to remember that as we financially assist those in Flint, etc., we don't neglect our responsibility to support our own local parish. Often when we have second collections, the result is that we support the second collection at the expense of supporting Christ the King, which is part of the reason we are experiencing

such a deficit at the moment. It would perhaps be helpful for folks to make sure they have read the January-February *Open Door* on the subject of giving to guide their decisions in that regard.

The King is present and is moving! Let us choose to follow His lead and let Him use us to build the Kingdom, even as He desires!



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Schedule of Major Events

For the Mass schedule, check the bulletin or go to ctkcc.net/Mass-times

- 3/2: Ash Wednesday
 - 3/5: Renewal Ministries *Lift Jesus Higher Rally* at Christ the King
 - 3/8: Grieving with Great Hope series begins
 - 3/11-12: Parish Mission with Jeff Cavins
 - 3/13: 2022 DSA begins
 - 3/15: Fruitful Invitation workshop begins
 - 3/17: CBSM Bible study on the Prophets begins
 - 3/18-20: A1:8 retreat (off-site)
 - 3/22, 4/26: Women's Prayer Meeting
 - 3/25, 4/8, 4/29: Upper Room
 - 4/2-3: Olive Wood sale
 - 4/10: Palm Sunday
 - 4/14-17: Easter Triduum
Parish Offices closed from 5pm on Holy Thursday through Easter Monday
 - 4/24: Divine Mercy Sunday
 - 4/28: Confirmation Mass
 - 4/30: First Communion Masses
- For the latest information about these and other events, check the bulletin or go to ctkcc.net.

MAJOR EVENTS MARCH-APRIL 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27	28	Mar 1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	Apr 1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

Save the Dates!

Pentecost Weekend, the close of our 40th Anniversary Year
Friday-Sunday, June 3-5
We close our 40th Anniversary Year by praising God for the continuing gift of the Holy Spirit to the Church!



Pine Hills Boys Camp
Sunday-Saturday, June 12-18
Generations of CTK middle schoolers have experienced God's life-changing love at this camp! Girls camp is Aug. 7-13. Registration for both camps opens April 1!



Vacation Bible School
Monday-Friday, June 20-24
What do you get when you combine a big bunch of grade schoolers, some great teaching, and a whole lot of fun? CTK's Vacation Bible School! Watch for registration details later this spring.



Check future bulletins and our website, ctkcc.net, for more details about these great events!

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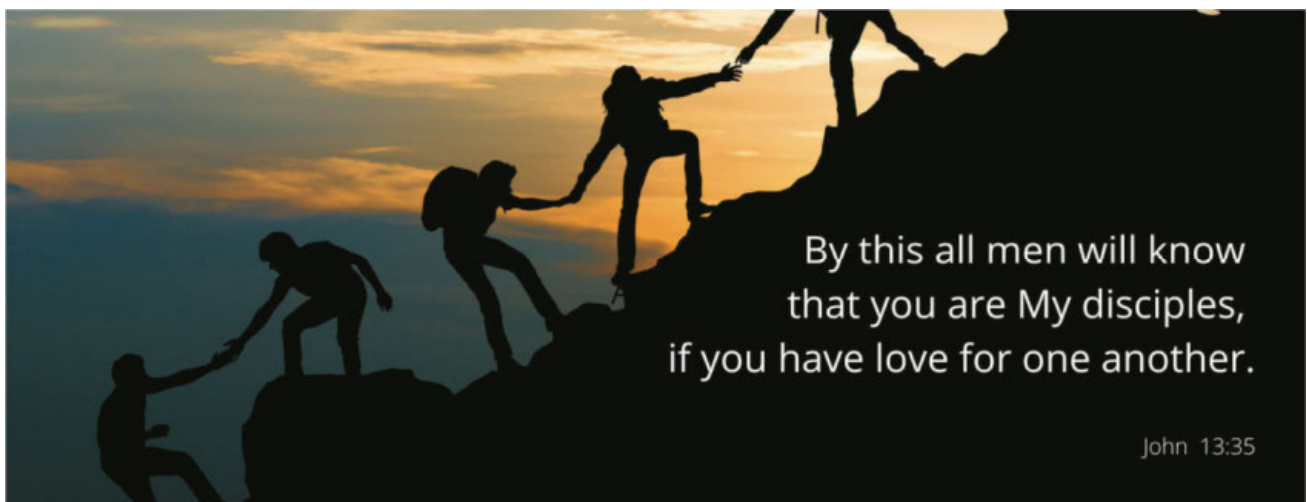
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